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I. INTRODUCTION

Employment History (Performance)

Nothin' Fancy Bluegrass Band, LLC

After recording two albums with the band in 1998 and 1999, was hired as a fulltime fiddle player for a nationally-acclaimed bluegrass ensemble, which is the three-time winner of the Society of the Preservation of Bluegrass Music in America (SPBGMA) Entertainers of the Year Award from 2008 to the present. Duties are performing with a band with 8 full-length albums, a tour schedule of a 120-date appearance schedule average per year in an area that includes 35 states, Canada, islands of the Caribbean, Mexico, The Netherlands, and Norway.

Violino Ristorante Italiano

Played live music as a strolling violinist to patrons of an Italian restaurant located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Was allowed to play classical, jazz, and bluegrass, and had a memorized repertoire of at least 3.5 hours of music, along with the improvisations stylistically called for in jazz and bluegrass.

Loudoun Symphony

Held position of assistant principal viola. Was principal violist for the string workshop program sponsored by the LS, which allowed for members of the community to rehearse and perform alongside professional musicians in the symphony. Held position for three years, with a minimum of four concerts per season, along with principal-chair recitals and pops concerts in June before the seasons' end.

East Coast Bluegrass Band

Hired as fiddle player after completion of undergraduate degree in violin performance. Performed mostly in the central VA region for private functions and occasional public appearances at local venues.

1998 – 2000

1996 – present

1999 – present

1997 – 2000

Shenandoah Summer Music Theater

Violinist/violist with a professional music theater company pit orchestra, which performs under the auspices of Shenandoah University's Conservatory of Music. Seasons start in June and end in early August.

Voluntary Appearances

Association, rehearsal, and performance with artists of varying genres and styles other than the primary musical employer/partners onstage. Appearances are noted either as an instrumentalist, vocalist, or a combination.

Employment History (Education)

Common Ground on the Hill

Taught two courses in fiddle – beginning and intermediate/advanced – for a arts/crafts camp that met for two weeks. The final day featured a master class by fiddle master Bobby Hicks, where the techniques of Mr. Hicks' playing were team-taught by both Hicks and the primary instructor.

Foxes Music

Private teacher in violin, bluegrass fiddle, viola, and beginning/intermediate cello. Lessons are taught one day out of the week with an average of 7 students. Students are ages 5 and up.

Picker's Supply

Private teacher in violin, bluegrass fiddle, viola, beginning/intermediate cello, beginning/intermediate piano, and voice coaching. Lessons are taught one day out the week with an average of 7 students. Students are ages 5 and up.

American Children of SCORE

Children's ensemble of grades 3 through 8 led by three co-directors; served as the string director. The students were chosen by audition to be in the ensemble, and were expected to sing in a chorus, play recorders and Orff instruments, and the students who played string instruments were under the direction of the string director. String students were taught their music by ear and required to memorize their music.

Prince William County Schools

Held position of orchestra/general music teacher for grades 6 through 8 at Parkside Middle School in Manassas, VA. Students of general music were taught

Summer 2008

2002 - present

1998 - 2003

2000 - 2002

2002 - present

Varies

1994 & 1997

music appreciation of classical, blues, jazz, rock, country and popular genres, along with basic music theory. Orchestral students were taught how to rehearse in an ensemble, and were shown fundamental stringed-instrument techniques and were expected to practice them as they applied to their music. At the time of employment, a provisional license to teach instrumental was held between 2000 and 2003.

Fairfax County Public Schools

1999 - 2000

Was a substitute teacher for Area I high schools and middle schools in Fairfax County, which covered Springfield, Burke, and the Alexandria suburbs located in the Fairfax County jurisdiction. Was requested mostly for music teacher substitutions, and from September through November of 1999, served as a longterm substitute orchestra director for Haywood Secondary School.

SCORE Music School

Private teacher in violin, bluegrass fiddle, viola; worked in conjunction with the American Children of SCORE. Lessons taught three days out of the week. Students aged 8 and up.

Education

Shenandoah University M.M., Instrumental Pedagogy (Violin)	2008-2010
Shenandoah University B.M., Instrumental Performance (Violin)	1993-1997

II. REPERTOIRE AND DISCOGRAPHY

Solo Repertoire (Violin):

Violin Concerto in a minor	Accolay, J.
Violin Concerto in a minor	Bach, J. S.
Violin Concerto in E Major	Bach, J. S.
Unaccompanied Partita in b minor	Bach, J. S.
Unaccompanied Partita in d minor	Bach, J. S.
Unaccompanied Partita in E Major	Bach, J. S.
Rumanian Folk Dances	Bartok, B.
Romance in G Major	Beethoven, L.
Romance in F Major	Beethoven, L.
Sonata No. 5 in F "Spring"	Beethoven, L.
Sonata No. 8 in G Major	Beethoven, L.
Concerto in e minor	Conus, J.
La Folia	Corelli/Kreisler
Meditation from "Thais"	Massenet, J.

Violin Concerto in e minor Concerto No. 3 in G Major Concerto No. 4 in D Major Sonata No. 6 in F Major Moto Perpetuo Violin Concerto in b minor Introduction and Tarantelle Violin Concerto in D Major The Four Seasons (Op. 8, No. 1-4)

Chamber/Ensemble Repertoire:

Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 Cantata No. 4 "Christ lag in Todesbanden" String Quartet No. 1 in F Major Symphony No. 1 in C Major Symphonie fantastique In the Steppes of Central Asia **Polovetsian Dances** Academic Festival Overture Symphony No. 2 in D Major Variations on a Theme by Haydn Serenade for Strings Symphony No. 8 in G Major Symphony No. 9 in e minor "New World" "Enigma" Variations Serenade for Strings Symphony in d minor American in Paris Rhapsody in Blue Peer Gynt Suite No. 1 The Messiah Semele Solomon Symphony No. 2 "Romantic" Symphony No. 88 in G Major Symphony No. 95 in c minor Amahl and the Night Visitors The Medium Vespers Piano Quartet in g minor String Quartet in G Major Sheherezade String Quartet No. 13 in a minor Symphony No. 8 in b minor String Quintet

Mendelssohn, F. Mozart, W. A. Mozart, W. A. Mozart, W. A. Paganini, N. Saint-Saens, C. Sarasate, P. Tchaikovsky, P. Vivaldi, A.

Bach, J. S. Bach, J. S. Beethoven, L. Beethoven, L. Berlioz, H. Borodin, A. Borodin, A. Brahms, J. Brahms, J. Brahms, J. Dvorak, A. Dvorak, A. Dvorak, A. Elgar, E. Elgar, E. Franck, C. Gershwin, G. Gershwin, G. Grieg, E. Handel, G. F. Handel, G. F. Handel, G. F. Hanson, H. Havdn, F. Haydn, F. Menotti, G. Menotti, G. Monteverdi, C. Mozart, W. A. Mozart, W. A. Rimsky-Korsakov, N. Schubert, F. Schubert, F. Schumann, R.

Symphony No. 4 in d minor String Quartet No. 8 Symphony No. 5 in d minor Symphony No. 9 in E-flat Major Symphony No. 2 in D Major Till Eulenspiegels lustige Streiche Cappricio italien Marche Slav Symphony No. 4 in f minor Gloria Overture to *Lohengrin* String Serenade No. 2 in a minor Schumann, R. Shostakovich, D. Shostakovich, D. Sibelius, J. Strauss, R. Tchaikovsky, P. Tchaikovsky, P. Tchaikovsky, P. Vivaldi, A. Wagner, R. Weinar, L.

Discography

East Coast Bluegrass Band. *Life's Mysteries*. Copper Creek Records, 1998. Boones Mill, VA: Doobie Shea Recording Studio. Produced by Tim Austin.

Nothin' Fancy. *Earn Your Ticket*. Independent Label, 1999. Charlottesville, VA: Virginia Arts Recording. Produced by Nothin' Fancy.

Nothin' Fancy. *Field of Dreams* Independent Label, 2000. Salem, VA: Flat 5 Press and Recording. Produced by Mitchell Davis and Tom Ohmsen.

Nothin' Fancy. *Now and Then.* Independent Label, 2001. Salem, VA: Flat 5 Press and Recording. Produced by Mitchell Davis and Tom Ohmsen

Regan. *Coming Or Going*? Independent Label, 2002. Richmond, VA: In Your Ear Recording Studio. Produced by Regan, Wayne Pooley, and Doug Derryberry.

Nothin' Fancy. *Once Upon a Road.* Pinecastle Records, 2002. Franklin, TN and Salyersville, KY: Top Dog Studios/Franklin Audio. Produced by Don Rigsby.

Nothin' Fancy. *The Other Side of Nothin' Fancy*. Pinecastle Records, 2002. Moneta, VA: Lakeside Recording Studio. Produced by Mitchell Davis.

Third Stream Giants. *Third Stream Giants EP*. Independent Label, 2003. Alexandria, VA: IAR Music. Produced by Matt Montoro.

Jennifer Kirkland. *You Must Believe In Spring*. KangaRoo Productions, LLC; 2004. Charlottesville, VA: Small World Music. Produced by Bert Carlson.

Nothin' Fancy. *Reflections*. Pinecastle Records, 2004. Moneta, VA: Lakeside Recording Studio. Produced by Dale Perry.

McLaws Drive. *Sign*. Independent Label, 2004. Fredericksburg, VA: Third Stream Music. Produced by Matt Montoro.

Rhonda Vincent and the Rage. *Ragin' Live!* Rounder Records, 2005. St. Louis, MO: Recorded live at the Sheldon Concert Hall. Produced by Rhonda and Darrin Vincent.

Laurie Rose Griffith and Peter Mealy. *Something Good.* Independent Label, 2005. Fredericksburg, VA: Wally Cleaver's Recording. Produced by Jeff Covert.

Todd Hallawell. *From Nashville and Back.* Independent Label, 2005. Goochland, VA: Recorded in private home. Produced by Todd Hallawell.

Chris Sexton. *Coffee at Midnight.* Pinecastle Records, 2005. Browntown, VA: Phoenix Studios. Produced by Gary Ferguson and Chris Sexton.

Third Stream Giants. *Third Stream Giants 2*. Independent Label, 2006. Fredericksburg, VA: Third Stream Music. Produced by Matt Montoro.

Various Artists. *A Bluegrass Gospel Tribute to Vince Gill: Sounds of Heaven*. CMH Records, 2006. Raleigh, NC: Jordan Dilling Entertainment. Produced by Steve Dilling.

Randy Waller and the Country Gentlemen. *Keeper of the Flame*. Lendel Records, 2006. Vienna, VA: Assembly Line Studio. Produced by Randy Waller and Len Holsclaw.

Nothin' Fancy. *Album* #7. Pinecastle Records, 2006. Salem, VA: Flat 5 Recording and Press. Produced by David Parmley.

Al Raposo. *Adeus a Terciera*. Independent Label, 2006. Fredercksburg, VA: Third Stream Music. Produced by Matt Montoro.

Alexandra LaJoux. *My Country*. Independent Label, 2006. Falls Church, VA: Cue Recording Studios. Produced by Andrew Acosta.

Steve Kropp. *Peaks and Valleys*. Independent Label, 2007. Fredericksburg, VA: Third Stream Music. Produced by Matt Montoro.

Various Artists. *Browntown: God's Country*. Independent Label, 2008. Browntown, VA: Phoenix Studios. Produced by Gary Ferguson.

Nothin' Fancy. *Lord Bless This House*. Pinecastle Records, 2009. Nashville, TN: Adventure Studios. Produced by Rhonda and Darrin Vincent.

Third Stream Giants. *Cool Human*. Independent Label, 2009. Fredericksburg, VA: Third Stream Music. Produced by Matt Montoro.

Sebastian. *Cruel Intentions*. (projected release in 2011) Virginia Beach, VA: Thomas Crown Studio. Produced by Wizz-Dom and Sebastian.

TV/Film Recording Credits

Eddie Mensor, director. *The Deposition, 2010* (post-production at present). Film IMDb URL: http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1510936/ Personal IMDb URL: http://www.imdb.com/name/nm3963148/

Public Broadcasting Stations. *Down From the Mountain*, 2009. Recorded live at the Lincoln Theater; Marion, VA.

Public Broadcasting Stations. *Ragin' Live*, 2005. Recorded live with Rhonda Vincent and the Rage at the Sheldon Concert Hall; St. Louis, MO.

The Discovery Channel. Shark Week, 2002.

The National Geographic Channel. Iran, 2001.

The Discovery Channel. Understanding Fire, 2001.

III. PUBLIC PERFORMANCE

Artist Onstage Associations/Appearances

Agents of Good Roots American Children of SCORE Andrew Winn Apollo Civic Theater Pit Orchestra **Bob** Paisley **Bobby Hicks Bluegrass Brothers** Carolina Road Charlie Moore Charlie Waller Cherryholmes **Country Gentlemen Danny Paisley** David Parmley East Coast Bluegrass Band Expedition Show Fitzmaurice Band Gary Ferguson Gay Men's Chorus of Washington Gene Watson John Starling

Kenny Baker Kevin Mac Krüger Brothers Larry Stephenson Band Marty Raybon Maryland Symphony Orchestra McPeake Brothers Michelle Nixon and Drive Mike Auldridge **Missy Raines** Nash Street Nothin' Fancy **Orrin Starr** Pan-American Symphony Orchestra Randy Waller Ray Legère Rhonda Vincent and the Rage Roanoke Symphony Orchestra Ryan Holliday Seldom Scene Third Stream Giants IIIrd Tyme Out Tom Gray Wil Gravatt Band

Appearances with Nothin' Fancy (* = clinician; ** = multiple appearances)

All-American Bluegrass Festival	Orange, VA
American Music Theater	Lancaster, PA
Arcadia Bluegrass Festival	Arcadia, MD
Basin Bluegrass Festival	Brandon, VT
Bass Mountain Bluegrass Festival	Snow Camp, NC
Berryville Bluegrass Series	Berryville, VA
Bill Monroe Bluegrass Music Festival	Bean Blossom, IN
Birchmere	Alexandria, VA
Blackwater Bluegrass Festival	Jasper, AL
Bluegrass on the River **	Lk. Havasu City, AZ
Bluegrassin' in the Foothills	Plymouth, CA
Brown Island Park	Richmond, VA
Buchanan Theatre	Buchanan, VA
Cabin Fever Bluegrass Festival **	Hampton, VA
Central VA Bluegrass Festival	Amelia, VA
Country Bluegrass Festival **	North Platte, NE
Country-Treff	Breim, Norway

Court Square Theater Chautauqua Festival **Davis Valley Winery** De Eerste Aánleg Bistro **Dixieland Music Park** Dollywood **Dumplin Valley Bluegrass Festival** Eastern Mennonite College ETA Bluegrass Cruise ** Festival in the Pines Festival of the Bluegrass First Night Harrisonburg Franklin Bluegrass Festival Free State Bluegrass Festival Galax Fiddler's Convention Gettysburg Bluegrass Festival ** Gibson Showcase Theater Glen Allen Performing Arts Center Graves Mountain Bluegrass Festival Greater Downstate Bluegrass Festival Grottoes Bluegrass Festival Harris Pavilion High Country Bluegrass Festival Hoofer's Gospel Barn * James Madison University Jammin' Java Kentucky Lake Bluegrass Festival Lee District Park Lil' Margaret's Bluegrass Festival Lincoln Center Lincoln Theater Lucketts Bluegrass Series MA Bluegrass Jamboree Maury River Fiddler's Convention Mickey's Mountain Bluegrass Festival Milan Bluegrass Festival **Mineral Bluegrass Festival** Mountain Top Bluegrass Festival Mountain View Fall Festival Mr. B's Bluegrass Festival Naperville Bluegrass Festival NC State Bluegrass Festival **NE Bluegrass Festival** New Year's Bluegrass Festival Nothin' Fancy Festival * Nova Scotia Bluegrass Festival

Harrisonburg, VA Wytheville, VA Groseclose, VA Nieuwkoop, Holland Waldo, FL Pigeon Forge, TN Kodak, TN Harrisonburg, VA Various Rocky Mount, VA Lexington, KY Harrisonburg, VA Franklin, KY Canton, TX Galax, VA Gettysburg, PA Nashville, TN Glen Allen, VA Syria, VA Springfield, IL Grottoes, VA Manassas, VA Boone, NC LaGrange, GA Harrisonburg, VA Vienna, VA Aurora, KY Alexandria, VA Leonardtown, MD New York, NY Marion, VA Lucketts, VA East Wareham, MA Buena Vista, VA Hopedale, OH Milan, MI Mineral, VA Tarentum, PA Mountain View, AR Ladysmith, VA Naperville, IL Cherokee. NC Lincoln, NE Jekyll Island, GA Buena Vista, VA Stewiacke, NS

Oakland Community College **OATS Bluegrass Festival Ocean Lakes Bluegrass Festival Ohio Valley Bluegrass Series** Ossippee Valley Festival ** Ottawa Valley Bluegrass Festival ** Palatka Bluegrass Festival Paramount Theater Pickin' in the Pasture Pemi Valley Bluegrass Festival Penny Royal Opry House Podunk Bluegrass Festival Poppy Mountain Bluegrass Festival PreddyFest Randy Woods Guitar Shop **Renfro Valley Bluegrass Festival** Rhonda Vincent Bluegrass Cruise ** Robeson Community College **Riverhawk Bluegrass Festival Rockahock Bluegrass Festival Rogersville Homecoming Festival Ryman Auditorium** Sally Creek Music Festival ** Sally Mountain Music Park SC State Bluegrass Festival Shenandoah University Silver Dollar City Southern OH Bluegrass Festival SPBGMA Awards Show SPBGMA Midwest Bluegrass Awards * Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park Starvy Creek Bluegrass Festival State Theater Station Inn Summersville Bluegrass Festival Sweet Briar College Thomasville Cultural Arts Center **Tri-State Bluegrass Festival Turkey Track Bluegrass Festival Two Rivers Bluegrass Series** Waynesboro Extravaganza Wayside Bluegrass Festival White Sands Festival Wind Gap Bluegrass Festival Yeehaw Junction Bluegrass Festival ** Yellow Barn

Royal Oak, MI Benton, PA Myrtle Beach, SC Mt. Orab, OH Cornish. ME Renfrew, ON Palatka, FL Bristol, VA Lodi, NY Campton, NH Fairview, OH Hartford, CT Morehead, KY Franklinton, NC Bloomingdale, GA Renfro Valley, KY Various Lumberton, NC Brooksville, FL Lanexa, VA Rogersville, NB Nashville, TN Woodstock, ON Queen City, MO Myrtle Beach, SC Winchester, VA Branson, MO Wilmington, OH Nashville, TN Jefferson City, MO Live Oak, FL Conway, MO Falls Church, VA Nashville, TN Summersville, WV Amherst, VA Thomasville, GA Kendallville, IN Waldron, AR Two Rivers, WI Waynesboro, VA Stuart. VA Chumuckla, FL Wind Gap, PA Yeehaw Junction, FL Mt. Jackson, VA

Appearances with East Coast Bluegrass Band

First Night Charlottesville Fridays After Five Galax Fiddler's Convention Michael's Bistro Waynesboro Extravaganza

Guest Artist Appearances Locations

17th Street Pavilion Alley Katz Apollo Civic Theater Birchmere Fredericksburg Expo Center Grand Ole Opry Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival George Mason University Jammin' Java Kennedy Center Kentucky Convention Center Lisner Auditorium Sheldon Concert Hall Torpedo Factory Trinity College Charlottesville, VA Charlottesville, VA Galax, VA Charlottesville, VA Waynesboro, VA

Virginia Beach, VA Richmond, VA Martinsburg, WV Alexandria, VA Fredericksburg, VA Nashville, TN Ancramdale, NY Fairfax, VA Vienna, VA Washington, DC Louisville, KY Washington, DC St. Louis, MO Alexandria, VA Washington, DC

IV. AWARDS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Awards/Honors

Nothin' Fancy

"Nothin' Fancy Day" declared by Buena Vista mayor Winner, SPBGMA Entertainers of the Year Nominee, SPBGMA Fiddle Player of the Year Named "Honorary Mountaineer" by the WV Governor Nominee, IBMA Emerging Artists of the Year Winner, Maury Rive Convention Band Contest Placement, Galax Convention Band Contest	2010 2008 - 2010 2007 - 2010 2007 2003 - 2004 1998 1997 - 1998, 2000
East Coast Bluegrass Band	
Galax Convention Band Contest Associations	1998 – 1999
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia	1995 – present

The world's oldest and largest music fraternity, founded in 1898. Was initiated into Phi Mu Alpha by the Nu Psi chapter (Shenandoah University's chapter) at James Madison University. Officer positions held in Phi Mu Alpha:

DC Bluegrass Union	2002 - 2007
Nu Psi Chapter Alumni Relations Officer	2007 - 2009
Province 27 Alumni Coordinator	2009 – present

Membership consists of bluegrass musicians and supporters in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Was often active as an artist performing for union fundraisers.